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TAGS: PINT, SHUM, AR
SUBJECT: DETENTION OF LA OPINION'S DIRECTOR

REF: STATE 090875

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN FROM AMBASSADOR HILL

1. I APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S HAVING REFRAINED FROM COMMENT
ON THE DETENTION OF JACOBO TIMERMAN AND CONTINUE TO FEEL THAT
THIS IS THE MOST PRUDENT COURSE TO FOLLOW.

2. EMOBOFFS WILL AGAIN CONVEY TO HECTOR OUR CONCERN FOR WELFARE
OF FATHER. DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL OR PERHAPS EVEN
APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO APPROACH HIM AT THIS POINT. TIMERMAN MAY
BE RELATIVELY INNOCENT PAWN CAUGHT IN ATTACK ON FORMER PRESIDENT
LANUSSE BY LATTER'S ENEMIES, OR MAY BE FOUND GUILTY OF ECONOMIC
VIOLATIONS. INTENSITY OF EMOTIONS NOW BEING STIRRED UP HAS
CONVINCED ME WE MUST CAREFULLY LIMIT OBVIOUS EMBASSY INVOLVEMENT
TO AVOID CHARGES OF INTERFERENCE DURING PERIOD WHEN FACTS OF
ISSUE ARE NOT KNOWN.

3. AN EXPRESSION OF HOPE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE PUBLICATION
WITHOUT DIFFICULTIES OF LA OPINION WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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IF THE PUBLICATION WERE NOT ALREADY IN SUCH FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES THAT EXIMBANK RECENTLY REFUSED TO GUARANTEE A CREDIT TO THE PAPER. ONE LA OPINION WRITER TOLD EMOBOFF LAST WEEK THE PAPER'S DAYS WERE NUMBERED.

4. EMBASSY WILL REPORT BY SEPTTEL ANY INFORMATION IT IS ABLE TO DEVELOP ON LA OPINION'S FINANCIAL BACKGROUND.
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